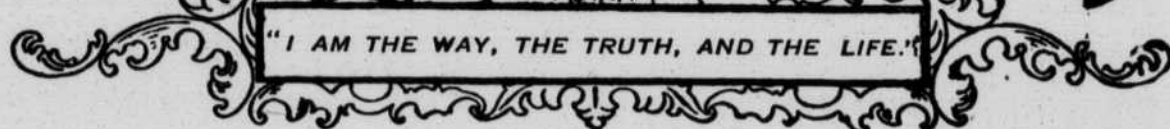


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BRETHREN, do not let the cause at Marion, Ind., go down. Come to the rescue.

ARE you making preparations for the observance of Children's Day? This should be made an important day in the Brethren church.

NEXT week we will publish a report, including several papers, of a special K. C. service, held in the Pittsburg church, and entitled, "An Evening With the King's Children."

IN this issue appears the program of the Maryland and Virginia Conference, to be held at Maurertown, Va., May 19-21; also the report of the California Conference, held this spring, at Turlock.

AN error appeared in the "make up" of the paper last week which was not discovered until a few hundred were run off. The article on page three is continued on page four, but in the third column. "Misfit Methods," continues from the bottom of column two, page four, to page six, column one. This will explain the matter to the few who received the papers run off before the correction was made.

WE don't like to say it, but the *truth* must be told: As long as liquor men rule our Legislatures, so long will the people live under laws dictated by the devil.

A REPORT of the California State Conference, held at Turlock, appears in this issue. Several papers of real merit on topics of interest, were read at this conference which will be published as our space permits.

THE words of Dr. J. A. Gordon are well worth remembering, especially by those who measure themselves by a false standard. He says: "I would rather aim at perfection and miss it, than aim at imperfection and attain it."

WE call special attention to the articles by Brother McFaden on Seventhdayism and also his contributions in the Book and Tract Department of which he is editor and manager. The church will do well to support this department of its work.

THE National Conference of 1895 appointed a commission, consisting of seven men, to formulate a report to be presented to the Conference of 1896, looking to a more systematic and practical form of governmental expediency than now prevails among the Brethren churches. We would respectfully call the attention of the committee to the fact that the time for the conference is but four months in the future. The work of this committee is perhaps the most important that will come before the National Conference of 1896. The subject is one that demands the serious attention of the whole church, and a conference of this committee, say two weeks prior to the National Conference, to continue in session the whole of these two weeks, with a view of prayerful and deliberate thought upon this vital question—this, we say, would be but in harmony with the magnitude of the subject with which the committee has to grapple. Could not such an arrangement be made?

TO THE READER.—Do you know of a Sunday-school in the Brethren church not using our literature? Please send us the *name and address* of the Superintendent of such a school.

THE proposition to resubmit prohibition to a vote of the people in Iowa has been defeated as has the Haskell Local Option bill in the state of Ohio. Just how far these Legislators have violated their promises we are not able to say, but that they have legislated *against* the best interests of the people, is clear to all who care to understand the situation. The liquor business, in any and all of its forms, is in direct opposition to the best interest of the State, and any legislation favoring the traffic, is a blow at the morality, the peace, happiness and prosperity of the people. The following from an editorial in the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, on the defeat of the proposition for resubmission in the state of Iowa is to the point:—"The list of legislators who have mistaken their real and proper masters should be led to see the fatal error of their ways, and be induced to spend the remainder of their public lives in warning others to avoid the wrath which has overtaken themselves. They should never again be trusted by the people, tho, of course, a just inquest should be had respecting their actual deserts. A man who violates a political promise makes a record which justifies any honest constituent who hesitates to rely upon his word thereafter. The distorted logic that attempts to distinguish corporate or political breach of faith from manly personal truth may well be left to the human squirmers that disgrace modern partisanship, and to the moral chameleons who make copartnerships for mutual self-aggrandizement. Iowans ought to prove that they have good memories, and can be summary with respect to moral distinctions. The friends of prohibition should proceed deliberately and wisely to organize for the early future. We sincerely hope that the new campaign will be a centripetal unit."